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Dear Examiner Dillon:

Enclosed in connection with the above-referenced application is a Response to Examiner's Amendment, which addresses the Examiners amendment that appears in the Notice of Allowability dated November 2, 2004.

Sincerely,


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NOV 17 2004Response to Examiner's Amendment

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's amendment set forth in the Notice of Allowability dated November 2, 2004 be reversed.

In the Examiner's amendment, the Examiner amended this application by replacing the word "base" in line 4 of claim 2 with the word --support--. However, base is actually the correct word.


Claim 2 requires that the support structure comprise an isolation spring between the proximal end of the conveying bed and a static *base* structure, and a rigid support member between the distal end of the conveying bed and the static *base* structure. This language is consistent with the description, and in particular page 5, lines 7-18.

Therefore, applicants submit that the original version of claim 2 is correct. Accordingly, applicants request that the Examiner's amendment be reversed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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